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Re STB Ex Parte No. 670,
Establishment of Rail Energy Transportation
Advisory Council

Dear Secretary Williams

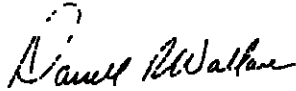
North America Freight Car Association ("NAFCA") has 28 members who build, own, lease, or operate private freight cars, including tank cars utilized in the transportation of ethanol and other biofuels. NAFCA members own some 700,000 freight cars, manufacture literally all of the tank cars utilized in the United States for the transportation of ethanol and biofuels, and own or lease an estimated 75 percent of all tank cars used to transport ethanol and biofuels. Owners of such cars include not merely lessors, but in many cases the processors and shippers of ethanol and other biofuels who purchase tank cars outright. Several NAFCA members are among the most active producers of ethanol and biofuels in North America and own thousands of tank cars used to transport those commodities.

As President of NAFCA, I am writing to nominate Lynn Hiser to represent NAFCA and its tank car member owners, lessors, and manufacturers to one of the two representative positions on the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee ("RETAC") set aside in the Board's July 17, 2007 Decision for "private car owners, car lessors, or car manufacturers." Mr. Hiser is Vice President and Treasurer of NAFCA and is Director, Transportation Americas, for Tate & Lyle Ingredients Americas, Inc. Tate & Lyle was a pioneer in the production of ethanol and is the owner of a large fleet of tank cars used for ethanol transportation. Mr. Hiser has over 17 years' experience in the corn processing industry. He serves on the Rail-Shipper Committee of National Grain and Feed Association and was Chairman of that Committee from March 2004 through 2006. He also serves on the Transportation Committees of the National Industrial Transportation League and the Corn Refiners Association.

As a representative of NAFCA with its strong and diverse manufacturing, ownership, and leasing interests in cars used for the transportation of ethanol and other biofuels, I submit that Mr. Hiser will be uniquely and ideally suited to provide insight to RETAC and the Board regarding transportation needs for ethanol and biofuels. He will be able to draw on the diverse informational resources of NAFCA's membership and will be suitably positioned to cooperate in communication among the affected interests on infrastructure planning. We strongly urge his appointment to RETAC.

Mr. Hiser, who has willingly assented to the nomination, can be contacted at Tate & Lyle Ingredients Americas, Inc., 2200 East Eldorado Street, Decatur, IL 62525 (217-421-2959, lynn.hiser@tateandlyle.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darrell R. Wallace".

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President
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cc Chairman Nottingham
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 Lynn Hiser